Construction of double line between Barasat and Bongaon

2857. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct a double line between Barasat and Bongaon during the current year;

(b) wheher Government are aware of the fact that commuters of this section are facing a lot of problem in absence of a double line;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) If so, the reasons for neglecting this impartant section?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Phase I doubling on Barasat-Bongaon i.e. from Barasat to Habra has been taken up so far.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The work of double of this section had been taken up in 1988-89 at a cost of Rs. 24.85 crores. Of this 7.67 Kms. has been opened. The work will be completed by 31-12-94.

(d) Does not arise.

Facility for computerised reservations

2858. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) which are the Railway Stations where facility for computerised Reservations is available;

(b) which are the Railway Stations where this facility is proposed to be made available during 1993-94; and

(c) by when will all the Railway stations where quota for reservation is available get this facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) A statement is attached. (See below)

(c) At present the target is to cover stations with reservation volume of about 1,500 per day by the end of the 8th Plan.

Statement

Facility for computerised reservations.

(a) LIST OF STATIONS WHERE COMPUTERISED RESERVATIONS FACILITY IS AVAILABLE AT PRESENT

1. Allahabad
2. Ambala Cantt.
3. Amritsar
4. Bikaner
5. Delhi
6. Jammu Tawi
7. Jodhpur
8. Kanpur
9. Lucknow
10. Varanasi
11. Jaipur
12. Bombay
13. Pune
14. Agra Cantt.
15. Bhopal
16. Ahmedabad
17. Surat
18. Vadodara
19. Asansol
20. Calcutta
21. Dhanbad
22. Patna
23. Secunderabad
24. Bangalore
25. Cannanore
26. Coimbatore
27. Ernakulam
28. Madras

29. Madurai
30. Mangalore
31. Tiruchirapalli
32. Trivandrum
33. Guwahati
34. Bhubaneswar
35. Cuttack
36. Puri
37. Visakapatnam
38. Gorakhpur
39. Vijayawada

(b) LIST OF STATIONS WHERE COMPUTERISED RESERVATION FACILITY IS LIKELY TO BE PROVIDED IN THE YEAR 93-94.

1. Chandigarh
2. Ludhiana
3 Shimla
4. Jabalpur
5. Nagpur
6. Agra Fort
7. Gyalior
8. Indore
9. Tirupati
10. Bilaspur
11. Rourkela
12. Tatanagar
13. Erode
14. Mysore
15. Bangalore Cantt.
16. Naya Azadpur

Extension of B.G. line from Rongiya to Murkongselek

2859. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to extend B.G. line from Rongiya to Murkongselek under North-Eastern Railway during the next financial year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS SHRI K. C. LENKA): No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The work is included in the Action Plan taken up under project Unigauge. However, owing to limited availability of resources the work can be executed only in a phased manner. Work on conversion of this line will be taken up in the coming years as per availability of resources.

Accident of Toofan Express

2860. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Toofan Express ran into a stationary goods train around 27th February, 1993, in Tughlakabad Division;

(b) if so, the number of casualties and extent of damage suffered therein;

(c) the findings of inquiry, if any, conducted into causes of the accident; and

(d) the compensation and damages paid to the victims or their families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two railway staff were killed and 8 persons got trivial injuries. The estimated damage to railways property is Rs. 65,95,100/-.

(c) The enquiry committee has concluded that the driver of 3007 Up Toofan Express train ignored intermediate starter signals and dashed in the rear of stationary goods train. The driver and asstt. driver of Toofan Express have been held responsible in this accident.

(d) No claim application for compensation has been filed. However, an ex gratia payment of Rs. 12,000/- has been made to the next of kin of the deceased and the injured passengers.